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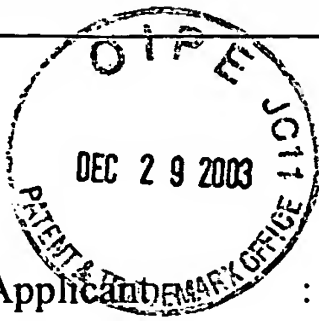
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a form PTO-1449 listing 63 references. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/268,604 ("the '604 application"), filed October 9, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,640,894, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/777,421 ("the '421 application"), filed February 6, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,464,003. The listed references are of record in the '604 application and/or in the '421 application, except for U.S. Patent No. 5,765,640 to Milne et al. (reference 48). A copy of reference 48 is enclosed. Copies of the other listed references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and can be found in the '604 application and/or in the '421 application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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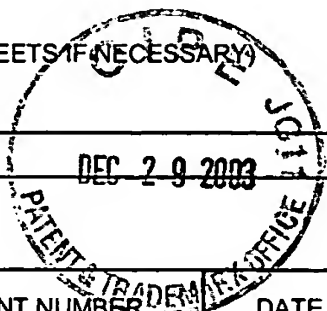
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	63	Provisional Patent Application No. 60/201,353, and cover sheet, filed May 2, 2000 entitled "Borehole Retention Device" in 24 pages.

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